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1. AT MOMENT SATE OF CIVIL AVAIAION IN BOTSWANA IS PRIMITIVE. NEVER-
THELESS, WE UNDERSTAND THAT FORTHCOMING NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN
CONTAINS PROJECTS WORTH ALMOST SEVENTEEN MILLION DOLLARS TO BE
COMPLETED WITHIN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS. UNSETTLE, HOWEVER, IS
WHETHER GOB WILL GIVE PROJECTS ADEQUATE PRIORITY AND THEN BE ABLE TO
RAISE SUFFICIENT DONOR FUNDS FOR THEM (SEE REF B).

2. WHILE IMMEDIATE FUTURE OF AVIATION DEVELOPMENT IS UNCERTAIN, AND
WE ARE UNABLE TO POINT TO ANY PROJECT NOW UNDERWAY WHICH WOULD JUSTIFY

AFRICAN-BASED CAA FOR BOTSWANA'S SAKE, EMBASSY BELIEVES THERE IS
SOME CHANCE THAT POLITICIANS MAY PUT PROJECTS INTO MOTION OVER NEXT
FIVE YEARS (SUCH AS GABORONE AIRPORT; SEE GABORONE 955) AND
THAT US COULD CASH IN, PARTICULARLY IF US WERE AMONG THE DONORS.
BASED ON THIS POSSIBILITY, EMBASSY CONSIDERS THAT US
INTERESTS IN BOTSWANA WOULD BE SERVED BY RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF
NAIROBI OR LAGOS CAA POSITIONS.

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